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1. ANNOUNCER: "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers."
2. ORCHESTRA: QUARTET: RANGERS' SONG
3. ANNOUNCER: When timber is cut, there is often much waste. One form of
4. waste occurs when high stumps are left after the trees are
5. felled. The butt log contains the clearest and most valuable wood in
6. the tree, and if a high stump is left, it means that several feet of
7. this valuable wood is left to rot in the forest. The U. S. Forest
8. Service therefore advises that trees be cut as close to the ground as
9. practicable. When timber is cut in the National Forests, the Forest
10. Service also requires that the slash and debris left after logging be
11. disposed of in some suitable way. Loose slash left in the forest is a
12. high fire hazard, and every precaution must be taken to prevent a fire
13. burning over an area following cutting, as this would kill or damage
14. remaining trees and leave the area waste and barren. The Forest Service
15. also insists that care be used to avoid breaking down the young trees
16. when the mature ones are cut, for its object is to preserve the young
17. trees for the next crop of timber, and so keep the forest continuously
18. productive.
19. Well, now to the Pine Cone Ranger Station for a look-in on
20. Ranger Jim Robbins and his young assistant Ranger, Jerry Quick. They've
21. just finished supper at the station, and ... well, here they are ...
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1. JERRY: Boy, I feel better now.

2. JIM: Uh huh. So do I. (CALLS) Need any help with the dishes,

3. Bess? (PAUSE) I guess she didn't hear me.

4. JERRY: Gee, that's too bad. Better not holler too loud or she

5. will hear you.

6. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Yep. That's right. Then I'd have to offer

7. your services.

8. JERRY: Mine? Hey, where do you come in on this?

9. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Well, I reckon Bess'll call us if she wants us.

10. JERRY: Uh huh ... Say, I was up on the timber sale area today,

11. Jim. Things sure are humming up there.

12. JIM: Yep. Al Perkins has his operation going full blast.

13. JERRY: You know, it won't be long now before they're back working

14. over the same area where I first started marking timber when

15. I came on the job here. Gee, it hardly seems possible that

16. area would be ready for another cutting so soon.

17. JIM: Well, we marked it pretty selectively. Left plenty of

18. nearly mature timber.

19. JERRY: Yeah. Gee, remember the time I had marking that timber?

20. Getting all the snow down my neck?

21. JIM: Yep. I remember. (CHUCKLES) I was just thinking, too,

22. about the time you nearly got in a scrape with the loggers

23. on that job.

24. BESS: (COMING UP) What was that? Jerry in a scrape?

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1. JIM: Huh? Oh that was when he first came on the job, here,
2. Bess. A long time ago.
3. BESS: Oh. From out in the kitchen I heard you say Jerry got in
4. a scrape, and I was worried for a minute.
5. JIM: Oh no. This was right after Jerry finished his first
6. marking job, and Al Perkins' logging crew had just come on
7. the area to take out the trees that were marked, and leave
8. all the others so there'd be a good stand of thrifty,
9. growing timber left. Jerry popped into the logging camp
10. one day (FADING) about the time the men were coming in from
11. the woods for lunch ...
12. (BRIEF PAUSE FOR FLASH BACK)
13. (FADE IN SOUND OF MEN'S VOICES)
14. HANK: Hello, Alf.
15. ALF: "Allo, Hank.
16. HANK: Hungry, Alf?
17. ALF: Ay tank ay can eat plenty apple-sauce, by yimminy.
18. HANK: That's the boy, Alf ... How d'ye like the job?
19. ALF: She ban gude yob, Hank. Not mooch money, but planty
20. apple-sauce by yimminy.
21. (SEVERAL MEN LAUGH)
22. HANK: Alf sure likes his apple-sauce, ain't that right?
23. SEVERAL LOGGERS: Yeah, I'll say (ETC)
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1. HANK: Apple-sauce is the apple of his eye. Haw, haw. How's that
2. one, you guys?
3. (SEVERAL MEN LAUGH)
4. BAPT: Wot you mean, she's apple hees eye?
5. HANK: Haw, haw. Baptiste don't get it. Well, y'see ... apple
6. sauce is ... uh ... well, it's ... the apple of his eye.
7. See?
8. BAPT: Hees eye? She's no apple, by gar.
9. HANK: Naw, his eye ain't no apple. Y'see, Baptiste, his eye
10. ain't no apple, but it's always lookin' around for
11. applesauce, see?
12. BAPT: Sure, dass right, by gar.
13. HANK: So that makes apple-sauce the apple of his eye, see?
14. ALF: Ay don't care. Ay like apple-sauce, by yimminy.
15. BAPT: Hank, she's crazy dass wot he ees.
16. HANK: Aw, you guys don't know a good crack when yuh hear one ...
17. Wait a minute. Who's the guy comin' over here?
18. JERRY: Hello, fellows.
19. (A FEW GRUNTS IN RESPONSE)
20. JERRY: How's the logging going?
21. HANK: All right, why?
22. JERRY: I was just wondering ... Say, you fellows want to be careful
23. to cut your stumps low, so as to avoid waste. And not to
24. take any trees that aren't marked.
25. HANK: Who the heck are you?

1. JERRY: I'm the assistant ranger on this district. My name's
2. Jerry Quick.
3. HANK: You the guy that marked this timber?
4. JERRY: Yeah. I marked the trees to cut. We want low stumps and
5. all the slash piled, and ...
6. HANK: Look here, mister. I was loggin' when you was knee-high
7. to a pup, and there ain't nobody tellin' me how to fall a
8. tree, see?
9. JERRY: Now listen. I'm telling you we want all the slash piled
10. up, and ...
11. (SEVERAL ANGRY VOICES INTERRUPT)
12. HANK: You're tellin' us, huh?
13. JERRY: (HUFFY) Yes, I'm telling you.
14. ALF: Ay tank ay know planty 'bout fallin' trees. You don't tell
15. me nottin', by yimminy.
16. JERRY: (ANGRILY) I'm telling you fellows. And you're going to
17. listen.
18. JIM: (JUST ARRIVING) Say ... What's the argument?
19. JERRY: Look here, Mr. Robbins. I was just telling these fellows
20. about cutting low stumps and they began to get nasty.
21. ALF: He tank he own das forest.
22. JIM: Hello, there, Alf. Hello, Hank. ... Well, now. So he's
23. telling you how to cut timber. (CHUCKLES) Were you
24. listening?
25. HANK: I ain't lettin' no young kid tell me how to fall a tree.

1. BAPT: Hees geef too much wot you call -- uh -- sass, huh?

2. HANK: Yeah. Too blamed fresh.

3. JIM: Now, don't get all worked up, Hank. Nothing to get

4. excited about ... Well, let's see. ... Jerry was speaking

5. about cutting low down on the stump and piling up the

6. slash?

7. HANK: Sure, we know all that.

8. JIM: Well, maybe he didn't know you fellows had worked on a

9. national forest timber sale before. ... Jerry Quick is my

10. new assistant ranger, boys.

11. BAPT: Hees mark dees timber, huh?

12. JIM: Yes. He marked this timber, and you see, naturally he's

13. anxious to see that it's out right.

14. HANK: I allus leave low stumps.

15. JIM: Sure. So do all the boys in this crew. Isn't that right?

16. (CHORUS OF "YEAHS", "SURES", ETC.)

17. JIM: Well, then what's all the argument about?

18. HANK: Well, he was ...

19. JERRY: Say, listen, fellows. It's my fault. I'm sorry I

20. flew off the handle. You see, I didn't know you fellows had

21. done this kind of cutting before.

22. HANK: Well ... that's all right ... Maybe I was gittin' kinda

23. ornery too.

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1. JIM: Forget it, you fellows ... Jerry, you needn't worry about
 2. the boys not doing this job right. Look what a good job
 3. of cutting they did down below ... all the slash piled up
 4. neat as a whistle, and hardly a young tree broken down in
 5. the whole area.

6. BAPT: Sure. Dass right. Nevaire brak wan tree.

7. JERRY: That's right. It looks like it had never been cut.

8. HANK: Well, shake on it, pardner. No hard feelings, huh?

9. JERRY: Of course not. Thanks.

10. HANK: An' if you're working for Jim Robbins, we're with you
 11. pardner. Ain't that right?

12. BAPT: Sure. Meestaire Rangaire Robbins, hees gude fella, huh?

13. ALF: Ay tank so too, by yimminy.

14. JIM: Okay, boys ... Say, Hank. Where's the boss?

15. HANK: Perkins? He went down to the mill this mornin'.

16. JIM: Well, maybe the cook'll have a little spare grub for Jerry
 17. and me anyhow. What do you think?

18. HANK: Sure. It's 'bout time for the bell right now.

19. JIM: All right. Where do we wash up?

20. HANK: Right over there by the cook house. They's a tub o'
 21. water there.

22. JIM: Fine ... Come on, Jerry. Let's bathe the lily white hands.

23. JERRY: All right, Mr. Robbins.

24. PAUSE:

25. JIM: Here we are. Dip out a pan of water, Jerry. You're first.

1. JERRY: No, you take this one. Here's another pan.
2. (SOUNDS OF SPLASHING WATER)
3. JIM: How come you had the boys all riled up, Jerry?
4. JERRY: I didn't mean to, Mr. Robbins. I was just starting to tell
5. them to be careful the way they cut down trees, but they
6. wouldn't take it.
7. JIM: That's it. Don't like to be told what to do. Loggers are
8. just like most other folks that way, Jerry.
9. JERRY: But they'd take it from you, wouldn't they?
10. JIM: Maybe so ... Here, grab the soap. ... Whoa, slipped right
11. out of my hands.
12. JERRY: Never mind. I'll get it.
13. JIM: All right ... Jerry, I've found that if you tackle people
14. in a friendly sort of way ... and show them why a thing
15. ought to be done ... show 'em there's a good reason for
16. it ... they'll generally do it.
17. JERRY: I guess that's right, Mr. Robbins.
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1. JIM: Yeah. Just treat 'em to a good friendly grin once in a
2. while. Most folks are pretty reasonable ... even loggers.
3. Reminds me of one time when I was in Arkansas years ago,
4. Jerry. The Forest Service had just established the Ozark
5. National Forest then, and there was a lot of squatters
6. living around there who weren't any too friendly to the new
7. Government rangers they sent in. There was one old codger
8. by the name of Bill Shanks who was always setting fire to
9. the woods ... to "green up the grass", he said. And he
10. kept telling folks he wasn't going to have any rangers
11. coming around his place ... it wouldn't be healthy for 'em,
12. he said ... Say, I bet Baptiste used this towel. You can
13. almost make out his thumb prints here in the corner. ...
14. Or maybe it's Hank's.

15. JERRY: I have seen whiter towels. ... But what about that
16. the squatter in Arkansas?

17. JIM: Oh yes. Well, the Supervisor told me I'd better look in on
18. this fellow and warn him about setting fires. I was just a
19. young fellow about your age then, Jerry.

20. JERRY: What did you do?
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1. JIM: Well, I went over to his cabin and walked up to his door,
 2. and first thing I knew I was looking right into the muzzle
 3. of a shot gun, with Bill at the other end of it. Say, that
 4. gun looked as big as a cannon ... Well, Bill said, "Are you
 5. the ranger?" and I managed to squeeze a weak little "yes"
 6. out of me. I sure was feeling shaky. "Well," he said,
 7. "I 'lowed I was goin' to shoot the first ranger that come
 8. around my place." ... I couldn't think for the life of me
 9. what would be the proper answer to that, so I just sort of
 10. grinned, and said "but that would be against the law,
 11. Mister." Maybe that struck him funny, but anyhow he
 12. commenced to grin too, and then he started laughing right
 13. out loud. ... No man that's any ways human could shoot
 14. another man when he's laughing with him. ... Well, anyway,
 15. first thing I knew I was sitting down to the table with him,
 16. and it wasn't long after that that Bill Shanks was helping
 17. us fight fire instead of burning up the woods himself ...

18. (SOUND OF STRIKING IRON TRIANGLE)

19. JIM: There goes the dinner bell, Jerry.

20. (SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS AND BABEL OF VOICES)

21. JIM: Look at the stampede.

22. JERRY: Gosh, did you ever see such a rush?

23. JIM: Better hurry, young fellow, so you can get in on the
 24. first helpings.

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1. JERRY: I'm right with you.
2. (SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS. MORE VOICES. THEN CLATTER OF DISHES, ETC.)
3. JIM: Sit down here, Jerry.
4. JERRY: All right.
5. (BABEL OF VOICES STOPS. CLATTER OF DISHES, ETC. CONTINUES THROUGH
6. FOLLOWING)
7. JERRY: (AFTER PAUSE) Say, Mr. Robbins ...
8. JIM: Sh-h-h-h
9. (PAUSE)
10. JERRY: (HALF WHISPER) These fellows sure eat fast, don't they?
11. JIM: Sh-h-h-h.
12. (PAUSE)
13. JERRY: (HALF WHISPER) Say, I ...
14. JIM: Sh-h-h-h-h.
15. (PAUSE)
16. (BABEL OF VOICES SUDDENLY RESUMES, TOGETHER WITH SCRAPING OF BENCHES ON
17. FLOOR, AND FOOTSTEPS)
18. JIM: Well, the cook sure puts on a good feed.
19. JERRY: Yeah ... Say, what was all the "shushing" about?
20. JIM: (LAUGHS) Didn't you know it was a very great breach of
21. etiquette to talk at the table in a logging camp? It just
22. isn't done.
23. JERRY: Why is that?
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1. JIM: I don't know. It's the unwritten law, I guess. Or maybe
 2. the way the boys go for the food there isn't any time left
 3. for table talk. ... Anyhow, it keeps down arguments.
 4. JERRY: It certainly does that. ... Gosh, I never saw food
 5. disappear so fast in my life.
 6. JIM: Hi, there, Alf. Howwas the apple-sauce?
 7. ALF: She ban all gone too soon, by yimminy.
 8. (SEVERAL MEN LAUGH)
 9. JIM: That's too bad, Alf. ... Well, Hank. Going back on the job?
 10. HANK: Yeah. We gotta git back to work.
 11. BAPT: Oooh, Meestaire Robbins, you come opp in de woods, I show
 12. you nize low stomp, by gar.
 13. ALF: Ay tank ay cut shtomp planty lower dan Baptiste.
 14. BAPT: No, by gar. Wann I cut tree she's more lower stomp.
 15. (VOICES FADE, STILL ARGUING)
 16. JIM: (LAUGHS) Well, Jerry. You don't need to worry about
 17. getting your trees cut close to the ground.
 18. (FADE OUT - END OF FLASHBACK)
 19. JERRY: Gosh, I sure must've been a greenhorn then, Jim.
 20. JIM: I reckon you were a little green at that, son. Didn't have
 21. any trouble with the loggers today, did you?
 22. JERRY: Oh no. I've learned a little in the last few years, I
 23. hope.
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1. BESS: Well now, Jim Robbins, I spent so much time listening to
2. you talking that I guess now you and Jerry better help
3. with the dishes.

4. JIM: Oh oh. Hear that, Jerry?

5. JERRY: Yeah. It's all your fault, too.

6. JIM: (CHUCKLING) Yep. Maybe you've learned something, Jerry,
7. but it seems I haven't learned yet to keep quiet when I
8. want to stay out of trouble.

9. (MUSIC UP AND OUT)

10. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers is presented each Friday by the
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12. United States Forest Service.

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